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1. SWAPO DISCUSSIONS IN NEWYORK --

AMB MCHENRY SPOKE WITH SWAPO REPRESENTATIVE BEN GURIRAB TO CLARIFY CONFUSION AS TO WHO INITIATED INVITATION TO SWAPO FOR NEW YORK MEETINGS. GURIRAB, WHO STATED HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTY, SAID SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT IN LUSAKA RAISED SAME QUESTION AND HE (GURIRAB) ALREADY ASSURED SWAPO IN LUSAKA THAT THE INVITATION WAS FROM THE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE ADMITTED THERE MIGHT BE SOME CONFUSION GIVEN QUALITY OF SWAPO COMMUNICATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2190)

2. POSSIBLE USE OF UN TROOPS IN NAMIBIA --

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DURING MEETING OF WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP, UK AMB MURRAY STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO OBTAIN CONTACT GROUP'S REACTIONS TO POSSIBILITY OF UN TROOP INVOLVEMENT IN NAMIBIA. MATTER OF WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA IS MOST CRUCIAL OBSTACLE IN WAY OF ACHIEVING INTERNATIONALLY-ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA, AND CONTACT GROUP WILL DISCUSS IT THOROUGHLY AS IT IS SURE TO BE PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF PROPOSED TALKS WITH SWAOP. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2194)

3. VIETNAM'S UN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION --

ACCORDING TO UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL GLEISSNER, SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHEN CHU (CHINA) ASKED IF SC CONSULTATIONS WERE DESIRABLE BEFORE THE COUNCIL BEGAN FORMAL CONSIDERATION OF VIETNAM'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. GLEISSNER ASKED WHEN THE APPLICATION MIGHT BE CONSIDERED, AND CHEN CHU REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH VIETNAM HAD NOT REQUESTED ACTION ITS UN OBSERVER IS EXPECTED BACK IN NEW YORK ABOUT JULY 10 OR 11 AND COULD WELL REACTIVATE THE APPLICATION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2193)

4. UNFICYP FINANCING AND CYPRUS RESOLUTIONS --

AMB ROSSIDES (CYPRUS) STRESSED TO AMB LEONARD IMPORTANCE OF UNFICYP'S CONTINUING ITS MISSION, SAID LACK OF ADEQUATE FINANCING SUGGESTS A POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN FORCE WHICH WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE, AND STATED THAT A

CYPRUS SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE JEOPARDIZED BY THE UNWILLING-
NESS OR INDIFFERENCE OF UN MEMBER STATES TO CONTRIBUTE
TO UNFICYP. ROSSIDES ACKNOWLEDGED THE DISPROPORTIONATE
SHARE WHICH THE US IS CONTRIBUTING (47 PERCENT). HE
ALSO UNDERSCORED THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING THE GA
AND SC RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS, AND NOTED THAT THE
SUPERPOWERS SHOULD FIND SOME MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING
SC RESOLUTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2184)
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5. US VIRGIN ISLANDS --

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 VISITING MISSION TO THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON, AT US INVITATION, JUNE 30-JULY 1 AND MET SEPARATELY WITH VI CONGRESSMAN DE LUGO, DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS VAN CLEVE, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MAYNES AND TODMAN, AND OFFICIALS OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE. THEY RAISED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS AND EXPRESSED CONCERNS WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING: THE PEOPLE OF THE VI ARE NOT AWARE OF THE STATUS OPTIONS OPEN TO THEM AND DO NOT THINK OF THEMSELVES AS BEING A DEPENDENT TERRITORY; CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WILL NOT ADDRESS QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH THE US; VI FINANCIAL DEPENDENCY ON THE US AND DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY; OBSTACLES TO THE VI DEVELOPING LINKS WITH ITS CARIBBEAN NEIGHBORS; NATIVE VIRGIN ISLANDERS' CONCERNS THAT THEY ARE BEING SUBMERGED IN A "SEA" OF CARIBBEAN ALIENS AND "NATURALIZED ALIENS"; VI NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LAND PURCHASE POLICY ON ST. JOHN; AND LAND PURCHASES BY MAINLAND AMERICANS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2177)

6. CROAT TERRORISTS --

YUGOSLAV ACTING PERMREP MUJEZINOVIC DELIVERED TO AMB LEONARD STRONG NOTE OF PROTEST REGARDING GRANT OF BAIL TO CROAT TERRORISTS WHO HAD ATTACKED YUGOSLAV MISSION AND WOUNDED YUGOSLAV EMPLOYEE MEDIC. LEONARD TOOK VIGOROUS ISSUE WITH PARAGRAPH IMPLYING THAT GRANT OF BAIL CONTRADICTED US ASSURANCES OF ACTION TO PREVENT REPETITION OF ACTS OF TERRORISM AGAINST YUGOSLAV OFFICES, AND HE AND LEGAL COUNSELOR REIS STRESSED THAT BAIL WOULD NOT

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AFFECT TRIAL AND EVENTUAL COURT DECISIONS.

MISOFF LEARNED THAT MEDIC UNDERWENT OPERATION JULY 6, AND BULLET LODGED NEAR SPINE WAS REMOVED. SOURCE ADVISED THAT MEDIC WILL REGAIN USE OF LEGS, WILL BE LEFT WITH SOME DISABILITY, AND WILL NEED EXTENDED PERIOD OF REHABILITATION. USUN SENT YUGOSLAV MISSION LETTER REGARDING FUTURE TESTIMONY OF MEDIC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROSECUTION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2162, 2192, 2197)

7. LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE --

THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMITTEE I CHAIRMAN ENGO AND MINISTER EVENSEN THREATENED TO BREAK DOWN BRIEFLY JULY 6. ENGO REPORTEDLY BECAME UPSET WHEN EVENSEN RESUMED CONTROL OF THE COMMITTEE I NEGOTIA-

TING GROUP JULY 5, FOLLOWING A WEEK'S ABSENCE, WITHOUT CONSULTING ENGO. ENGO REACTED BY REMOVING EVENSEN FROM HIS LEADERSHIP POSITION AND INSTALLING VICE CHAIRMAN THOMSEN-FLORES (BRAZIL) TO RUN COMMITTEE I MEETINGS JULY 6. BY THE END OF THE DAY, HOWEVER, ENGO AND EVENSEN HAD APPARENTLY PATCHED UP THEIR DIFFERENCES, AND THE LATTER WAS BACK IN THE CHAIR ON JULY 7. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2179)

8. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES --

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF TWO-WEEK SESSION (JUNE 20-JULY 1) OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES WAS TO CONSIDER ITS OWN FUTURE, I.E., WHETHER TO RECOMMEND TO NEXT GA THAT IT BE CONTINUED BEYOND JAN. 1, 1978 EXPIRATION OF ITS MANDATE AND, IF SO, WHETHER ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE CHANGED.

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THE COMMITTEE DID NOT REACH THAT ITEM, HOWEVER, AND WILL MEET AGAIN LATER IN SUMMER FOR THAT PURPOSE. IT SPENT MOST OF ITS TIME ON A SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVED UTILIZATION OF CONFERENCE RESOURCES AND IN INTERMINABLE WRANGLING OVER THE VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE. CONSENSUS CONFINED TO APPROVING THE ADMINISTRATIVE UTILITY OF A PROPOSED STANDARD SET OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR PLEDGING CONFERENCES APPEARED TO BE IN THE MAKING WHEN THE SOVIET REP LET IT BE KNOWN PRIVATELY HE WOULD NOT COOPERATE ON THAT QUESTION IF HE DID NOT GET HIS WAY ON THE VENUE OF THE OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE (GENEVA INSTEAD OF NEW YORK). THE MATTER WAS DROPPED, BUT COULD BE REVISED LATER. DECISION ON LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE VENUE WAS DEFERRED ALSO UNTIL AUGUST SESSION BECAUSE MANY MEMBERS WERE ANGERED BY SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES EFFORTS TO BROWBEAT THE COMMITTEE INTO CHANGING CALENDAR. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2191)

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9. SYG TO VISIT MONGOLIA --

THE UN ANNOUNCED THAT SYG WALDHEIM WILL VISIT MONGOLIA, AT THAT COUNTRY'S INVITATION, SEPT. 8-10.

10. COMMITTEE OF 24 --

THE COMMITTEE JULY 8 RECEIVED FROM ITS SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES REPORTS ON GUAM AND ON THE COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS, AND IT TOOK NOTE OF A REPORT OF ITS SUBCOMMITTEE ON PETITIONS, INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE CONCERNING THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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TION ON DECOLONIZATION. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND INFORMATION, NEYTCHIEV (BULGARIA), CALLED FOR SPECIAL EMPHASIS BY OPI ON THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA AND ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AS WELL AS GREATER USE OF CONTACTS WITH THE MASS MEDIA IN WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA. ACTION ON OTHER ITEMS WAS DEFERRED. CHAIRMAN ABDULLAH (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD RESUME ITS WORK DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST AND ATTEMPT TO CONCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF ALL

REMAINING ITEMS, INCLUDING PUERTO RICO, BY AUG. 17.

11. ATTACK ON MAURITANIAN CAPITAL --

AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAURITANIAN UN REPRESENTATIVE EL HASSEN, THE UN CIRCULATED THE TEXT OF HIS LETTER (S/12360) INFORMING THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT THAT ON JULY 3 A BAND OF MERCENARIES IN THE PAY OF THE ALGERIAN REGIME AGAIN ATTACKED THE CAPITAL OF MAURITANIA, CAUSING CASUALTIES AMONG THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. HE ACCUSED ALGERIA OF USING STATE TERRORISM AS A MEANS OF BLACKMAIL, HELD ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK ON THE MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS, AND STATED THAT GOM RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY AND IN PARTICULAR TO REQUEST, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, AN SC MEETING.

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